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From: R. B. Seligman

Subject: FTC

In discussions with Preston Leake, we covered the following items:

1) A new Monitor cigarette made at approximately 13.5 mg tar. It was suggested that this lower tar Monitor (versus 16.5 mg) would be achieved via filter ventilation.

   The other choice, expanded tobacco, was considered to be too much of a blend change.

2) It was learned that the FTC will abandon nicotine via gas chromatography and return to nicotine via distillation. The reason for this is not entirely known. Because gas chromatography is the better, more precise means of determining nicotine, we are suggesting that the TITL laboratory continue to do smoke nicotine by gas chromatography. This requires confirmation from the Committee of Council.

The other subject discussed with Dr. Leake was the TITL budget, which appears to be in order.

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